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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director for Plans

**ATTENTION:** Chief, [REDACTED]

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**THROUGH:** Deputy Director for Intelligence

**SUBJECT:** Geographic Intelligence Support for DDP Operational Requirements

1. In recognition of our past inability to respond promptly and fully to the variety of requirements for support received from the DDP components, an effort was made to increase the number of geographic intelligence officers for FY 1968-1972. Although the DDI and his Planning Staff supported our need for additional research geographers, five positions have been removed by OPFB from the planned Geography Division table of organization. Essentially, this means that we cannot hope to improve our current level of support to your operational requirements: first, to meet your priority deadlines on all projects which may originate in the DDP; second, to do as thorough a study in all cases as the nature of the requirement demands; and third, to conduct basic research on potentially critical areas to improve our response time and capability.

2. It is our firm belief that sound geographic data, competently tailored to the needs of operations planning, is both basic and essential to effective development and management of Agency plans. Therefore, we will attempt to continue to program our support of DDP requirements at approximately the same level as during FY 1967. This will not, of course, permit us to catch up in any significant way on requirements that have been outstanding for up to 3 or more years, but hopefully we shall be able to meet current high-priority requests.

3. The attached list of projects currently on our books needs reevaluation and revalidation in the light of conditions set forth above. It would be helpful in our program planning to have a review made of these outstanding requirements to eliminate any no longer needed, to establish a new priority listing, and to renegotiate target dates for completion.

(signed)

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5 - CO/DCI

1 - CO/OP/IN

1 - FBI

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Basic and Geographic Intelligence

**Enclosure:** List of Geographic Research Projects in Progress or Pending for DDP

GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

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